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Division of Transportation to widen Butterfield Road to help ease congestion in central Lake County

WAUKEGAN, IL – At its March meeting, the Lake County Board approved the Division of Transportation's plans to widen Butterfield Road in the Libertyville, Mundelein and Vernon Hills area. Construction plans include two projects, on over two and one-half miles (2 ½ miles) of Butterfield Road, beginning this spring.

Butterfield Road from U.S. Route 45 to Orleans Drive

As part of the county's five-year highway improvement program, the Division of Transportation will widen two-thirds of a mile (0.65 miles) of Butterfield Road from U.S. Route 45 to Orleans Drive, which passes through the communities of Mundelein and Vernon Hills. The project involves widening the road from two lanes to five lanes; consisting of two southbound lanes, two northbound lanes and a center turn lane.

This project includes the addition of a lighted crosswalk at Creekside Drive, modernization of traffic signals at the U.S. Route 45 – Butterfield Road intersection and major storm sewer and drainage improvements.

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The Lake County Board awarded the \$2,282,596.40 construction contract to Thelen Sand and Gravel, Inc. of Antioch, which was the lowest responsive bidder. Work on the project is expected to finish by June 2003.

Butterfield Road from Huntington Drive South to Ridgewood Lane

This project is just less than two miles in length (1.9 miles) and will take place between Huntington Drive South and Ridgewood Lane, passing through the communities of Libertyville, Mundelein and Vernon Hills. The project involves widening Butterfield Road from two lanes to five lanes, consisting of two southbound lanes; two northbound lanes and a center turn lane.

The project will include a landscaped center median, extensive storm sewer and drainage improvements and the addition of turn lanes and traffic signal upgrades at the intersection of Butterfield Road and Route 176.

A new traffic signal will be installed at the Butterfield Road – Crane Boulevard intersection and existing signals at Golf Road, Huntington Drive North and Allanson Road will be modernized and interconnected.

The Lake County Board provided \$8.2 million in June 2000 for this project, and the Division of Transportation fast-tracked the design and right-of-way acquisition in order to complete the project by its estimated completion date of December 2003. Campanella & Sons, Inc. of Wadsworth received the \$10,589,049.22 construction contract as the lowest responsive bidder.

The Villages of Libertyville, Mundelein and Vernon Hills participated in the project, and Libertyville Township provided a stormwater detention site.